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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE WESTERN FRONT.
FIRING ACROSS THE WHOLE
FRONT.

London, Mar. 17.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig

reports:—

We made successful raids in the
neighbourhoods of Epehy and
Gavrelle. We repulsed a raid north-
ward of Lens.

Hostile artillery firing was active
southward of the Bapaume-Cambrai
Road, in the Scarpe Valley, east-
ward of Polygon Wood, also against
our near defences southward of Lens
between the La Bassée Canal and
Lys.

It was very active south-westward
of Cambrai, along the whole front
from the La Bassée Canal to the
Menin Road.

AIR-RAIDS ON GERMANY.

**ENEMY BARRACKS AND
FACTORIES COPIOUSLY
BOMBED.**

London, Mar. 17.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's
report on aviation, reconnaissance,
artillery work, photography and
bombing, says:—

There was a great deal of air
fighting east of the lines on the
whole front yesterday.

Over 12 tons of bombs were
dropped on rest billets, ammunition
deposits, aerodromes, also a successful
raid on the important railway sidings
at Hirson, hits being obtained on the
railway.

We brought down 12 machines and
drove down seven others out of
control.

None of our machines were
destroyed.

Our nightfliers continued their
activity until the morning, dropping
over 84 tons of bombs on rest
billets. All returned.

Our aeroplanes to-day attacked
military objectives in Germany.
Fourteen heavy and ten lighter
bombs were dropped on barracks,
munition factories and the railway
station of Zweibrücken. Bombs
were seen on the barracks and all
round the railway station.

Our formation was attacked by
scouts and anti-aircraft guns, but all
our machines returned.

**ITALIAN RUMOURS OF EARLY
PEACE.**

**AUTHORS AND DISSEMINA-
TORS TO BE PROSECUTED.**

Rome, Mar. 17.

The Ministry of the Interior has
ordered an investigation into the
origin of the rumours of early peace
current in Italy, and the prosecution
of the authors and disseminators.

AMERICA'S CARDINAL DUTY

**SUPPLY OF NINETY MILLION
BUSHELS OF GRAIN.**

Washington, Mar. 17.

The Department of Agriculture
estimates that the wheat holdings
of mills and elevators amount to
98,972,000 bushels, a decrease of 20
million bushels compared with last
year.

The Food Administrator declares
that flour stocks are only thirty per
cent of the normal quantity needed
until July 1st, but he intends to carry
out a programme of supplying 90
million bushels of grain to the Allies
between January 1st and July 1st,
which is regarded as America's most
important duty.

**RUSSO-GERMAN TREATY
RATIFIED.**

DISSENSION IN POLITICAL RANKS.

Petrograd, Mar. 17.

The Peace Treaty was ratified at
midnight on the 15th instant, after
an open vote.

M. Steinberg, the Commissary of
Justice, has announced that the Left
Social Revolutionaries refused re-
sponsibility and reserved the right
to hinder the fulfilment of the terms
of the Treaty by all means in their
power.

RUMANIA AND PEACE.

**FORMER FINANCE MINISTER
ON THE SITUATION.**

Amsterdam, Mar. 17.

A Bukharest message states that
M. Marghiloman, the former Rumanian
Finance Minister, in an inter-
view, said the sooner Rumania con-
cluded peace the better would be her
position.

JAPAN AND CHINA.

**REPORTED DESPATCH OF
TROOPS TO SIBERIA
DENIED.**

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

Replying to the leader of the
Opposition, the Premier stated that
no relations existed between Japan
and Chang Tso Lin, the Military
Governor of Mukden. The Premier
was not aware that Japan or other
Powers had protested against the
conveyance of Chang Tso Lin's
troops over the Peking-Mukden rail-
way in contravention of the Boxer
Treaty, but he added that dissension
and disputes between the Northern
and Southern parties of China con-
stituted a serious concern to the
interests of Japan who, however,
had not attempted to mediate. The
report of the despatch of a small
body of Entente troops to Siberia
was without foundation.

LABOUR TROUBLES IN SPAIN.

**GOVERNMENT DECREE
RESENTED IN SPAIN.**

Madrid, Mar. 17.

A decree places the Telegraph
Offices under Military control.

The despatch of telegrams is tem-
porarily suspended.

The measure is a result of the
resistance of the employees to a
decree dissolving unions in Govern-
ment offices.

A similar step is threatened in
regard to the Post Offices, whose
employees protested against the order
depriving them of immunity against
summary dismissal.

BUTTER FOR THE ENEMY.

FINLAND'S AID TO GERMANY.

Stockholm, Mar. 17.

The Finnish food committee has
rationed butter with a view to ex-
porting the surplus to Germany in
exchange for corn.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Mar. 17.

In the Silver Market offerings are
small and the market is steady.

London, Mar. 18.

The Silver Market is steady.

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INTIMATIONS

CANTON MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANTON MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY will be held at the Canton Club Theatre (by kind permission) WEDNESDAY, March 20, 1918, at 8.30 P.M.

J. M. WRIGHT, M.D.,
Secretary.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, at George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1918, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1917, and declaring a Dividend.

By Order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, Mar. 5, 1918.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, at Queen's Building, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 25th March, 1918, at 12 Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 13, 1918.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Federal's Arcade, WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Agents.
Hongkong, Mar. 8, 1918.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Under-Secretary at 11 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Managers.
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.
Hongkong, Mar. 9, 1918.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1917, and the Report of the General Managers.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 7, 1918.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Firm of A. R. MARTY, Rene SALLE, Successor, has as from the 13th February, 1918, sold to Messrs. P. A. LAFICQUE & Co., the S.S. "VANOL" which was the vessel between Hongkong and Haiphong, and also the right to use the name of A. R. MARTY, Compagnie de Navigation Tonkinoise.

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INTIMATIONS

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

MATRICULATION, SENIOR AND JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that these Examinations will commence on MONDAY, July 8th, 1918.

Arrangements will be made to hold the Examination at any town where a sufficient number of candidates offer themselves.

Candidates who wish to be examined at any other place than Hongkong or Shanghai must apply to the Registrar on or before April 2nd, 1918.

Forms of entry and all particulars can be obtained on application to the Registrar, The University, Hongkong.

The entry form, duly filled in, must reach the Registrar, together with the fee (Ten Dollars, Hongkong Currency) on or before May 2nd, 1918.

The following Scholarships and Prizes will be awarded on the results of the Matriculation Examination, provided that candidates of sufficient merit offer themselves:

(a) Two King Edward VII Scholarships of £40 a year each, for five years, tenable in any Faculty. A candidate for these scholarships must be under the age of 21 on July 1st and must before the first day of the examination submit to the Registrar proof that he is a British subject.

(b) Two President's Scholarships of four hundred dollars each (Peking Currency) for five years, tenable in any Faculty. A candidate for one of these scholarships must be under the age of 21 years on July 1st and must before the first day of the examination submit to the Registrar proof that he is the son of Chinese parents; that he was not born in any British Possession or Protectorate; that he has not adopted any foreign nationality; and that he is not eligible to compete for a King Edward VII Scholarship.

(c) Four cash prizes of \$100 each (Hongkong Currency). Candidates who secure King Edward VII or President's Scholarships or cash prizes must enter the University on the day on which the University session opens and must reside in one of the hostels directly managed by the University.

The examinations will be conducted according to the Regulations for the Senior and Junior Local Examinations and for the Matriculation Examination 1918.

Hongkong, Mar. 14, 1918.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PURCHASERS OF PARIMUTUEL TICKETS on the fifth Race, Second Day, for Cash Sweeps, Places and Winners, also Cash Sweep Ticket Refund, of following Races can obtain a refund on production of their tickets at the Office of the Hongkong Jockey Club on the Ground Floor of the HONGKONG CLUB ANNEXE, CHATER ROAD, between the hours of 3.30 P.M. and 6.30 P.M. on MONDAY, the 4th March, 1918, until 5th March (Sundays and Sundays excepted).

HOLDERS OF UNPAID WINNING TICKETS (Cash Sweeps, Places and Winners) will also be paid at the same place and between the same hours as stated above on production of their tickets.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Accountants to the
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Hongkong, Mar. 1, 1918.

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HOME RULE FOR ENGLAND.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. BERNARD SHAW

Mr. Bernard Shaw, who has just solved the Irish question by suggesting Home Rule for England, was asked by a representative of the “Observer” for his impressions of the situation in Ireland.

“I perceive,” he replied to the interviewer, “you are an Englishman.”

“How?”

“Well, your country is in a mess compared to which the Irish mess is the most negligible of parish squabbles. Yet you are not in the least interested in England, and are full of anxiety about Ireland. Does it occur to you that by the time England is through with the emancipation of all the oppressed people on earth, with the tripping exception of the oppressed people of Lambeth, Shoreditch, and the slums of Liverpool, and so forth, that your affairs may have fallen into some confusion?”

“You see, Mr. Shaw, you are not an Englishman, but an Irishman; and as I am interviewing you I assume that you are free from the English fault of being interested in every country except your own.”

“A COMPARISON WITH IRELAND.”

“Not a bit of it. I am like a doctor; I am interested in the worst cases, provided they are curable. Now I tell you that England's condition is far graver than Ireland's and has been so ever since the Land Purchase Acts gave a respite to the Irish land question by beginning landlordism all over again. Ireland can take care of herself if you will only let her. But what would England be like if there was not such a lot of money to be made by hawking and robbing her?”

“You never say for Home Rule here.”

“We think we have got it.”

“You haven't got it. What you have is Castle government, aggravated by the fact that whereas the Dublin Castle officials are Irishmen, your London Castle officials are Irishmen, Germans, Welshmen, Scots, Jews, Cape Dutchmen, and heaven knows what. The House of Commons is a deplorable thing, and why not be sensible and call them sons of the Empire instead?”

“Well, perhaps because I want to set myself right with the public by expressing the very low opinion it now has of the House of Commons. The House is not respected and is not popular.”

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Everyone sees that it has been unable to govern in war-time and has had to hand the country over, bound hand and foot, to a bureaucracy which it cannot control, though a handful of members insist it, and even occasionally subject it to some serious political criticism. Do you realise how dangerous this is? Unless the nation holds together and holds hard and confidently, the war will break us up as it has broken Russia up.”

A DEAD COMMONS.

“But how would you restore confidence in the House of Commons?”

“It cannot be done; the wretched old machine is dead: it is no longer even a comfortable asylum for the aged. The best that can be said for it is that its corpse has ceased to offend; what walks to-day is its ghost. It would be a crime to restore confidence in it even if that were possible, because it cannot do its work, and would only betray us again. To restore public interest, which is the first step to restoring public confidence, you must first announce the funeral of the institution, which will be received with gasps of relief and shouts of gladness wherever the English language is spoken. And you must replace it as far as England is concerned by two new Parliaments: a real English Home Rule Parliament from which persons with Irish, Scottish, and German accents will be barred out like militant suffragettes, and a Federal Parliament of the British Isles.”

ENGLAND'S NEED.

“Your Irish scheme, in fact, Mr. Shaw?”

“Shut! My English scheme. Have I ever troubled about Ireland? It was troubling about itself very effectively without my help. But this poor, helpless, unfortunate England with its foot bell and its cricket, and its bats on perry, and its little suburban tribes ready to die for the chief who promises to keep the rates down: these are the heathen to whom I am a missionary, and would have been a martyr long ago if they had been capable of taking interest in what was driving at. If you give England a big change and a new sort of Parliament you will get six years' active Government and hopeful public interest in it. Look at the London County Council, now as effete and reactionary as the old Metropolitan Board of Works, which it supplanted, and which, nevertheless, managed to embark the Thames before it went rotten. Well, incredible as it now seems, the

London County Council was a magnificent popular success in its early years. When it took up the ideas of the Fabian Society and had not yet been captured by the old party machine.”

“But will not the new Parliament, if we get it, go rotten also, as you call it?”

“Of course; you don't expect to live for ever do you? But think of what it would be to get seven six years' good government and public confidence just now. I might see us, if not over the war, which seems fairly safe to be another Thirty Years' War, at least over the peril of a revolutionary crash. Why, at the very worst, even if the change gave us nothing but a period of delusive hope, such a period might save the situation.”

UTOPIA.

“Can you suggest a programme for the new Parliament?”

“Not this afternoon, thank you; we have neither of us time for a forty-eight hours' talk. Buy the Fabian literature. But what do you think, for a start, of speeches limited to three minutes for Ministers, as being experienced and concise debaters, ten minutes for novices in their first session, and five minutes for the rest. And of a rule that the average age of membership must never exceed fifty, nor the age of any individual grand old man—shall we say ninety-six? How about fifty Parliamentary years? proportional representation from the whole country as a single constituency, with the right to speak in the House, but not to vote; for the wise and good should have no power except the power of counsel.”

“And then, I suppose, nobody would vote?”

“God knows why they vote at present: I never do. Members of Parliament should not be elected: they should be reluctant like jurymen, and chosen in the same way. Have you ever contested an election?”

“No.”

“Then let me shake your hand as that of a still possibly honest man. Good-bye.”

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Hongkong, Mar. 13, 1918. 235

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THE
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE,
etc., etc., etc.

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Settees, Curio and Silver Cabinet, Joss
Table, etc.,
Teakwood Sideboard and Dinner
Wagon, Dining Table and Chairs, China
Cabinet, Crockery, Glass Ware, etc.,
Teakwood Twin Beds, Teakwood
Wardrobes, Dressing Table and Double
Bed,
Teakwood Ice-chest, Cooking Stove
and Utensils, etc.

Also
PIANO in splendid condition by
S. Montre & Co., excellent Gramophone,
records and record cabinet, white
Cockatoo and cage, etc.,
On view from Wednesday, the 20th
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MONDAY,
the 25th March, 1918, commencing at
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Kowloon City Road,
A QUANTITY OF
SECOND-HAND CONTRACTORS'
PLANT,

Two 16-hp Invinible vertical double
crank compound steam condensing twin
series direct acting centrifugal pumping
engines (one left hand and one right
hand) steam cylinders 4 1/2 in. by 3 1/2 in. by
15 in. stroke with the necessary fittings
and suction and delivery pipes for a lift
of about 90 feet.

Two Casts Rock and Ore Breakers
(Allis Chalmers Co.) one No. 8 right
angle style and one No. 3 right angle
style with revolving screens, concave
timers and fittings.

One 30 in. by 10 in. Blake (rubber
Fraser & Chalmers) with manganese
jaw plates.

Two Taylor's patent 1 yard Concrete
Mixers with Steel Framing and fittings,
various and spare gear.

One 6 in. Double Cylinder Marchester
Pump by Peasns 7 in. and 12 in. cylinders
1 1/2 in. stroke with suction and delivery
pipes about 90 ft.

One 16 H.P. double cyl. Robey Port
able Engine with usual fittings and
mountings.

One 8 in. Belt-driven Centrifugal Pump
with suction and delivery pipes about
75-80 ft.

Also
A quantity of Steel Wire Rope, Old
Metal, etc.
On view from 5th March.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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TUESDAY,

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AN ASSORTMENT OF
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Comprising:—

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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE WESTERN FRONT.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S LATEST REPORTS.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
The Australians encountered a strong
patrol last night in the neighbourhood
of the Ypres-Comines canal and took 37
prisoners. Our casualties were light.
The Australians successfully raided
westward of Houtem and in the neigh-
bourhood of Gapaard, securing prisoners
and inflicting casualties.

There was great activity of hostile
artillery from Vermelles to south of
Armentieres.
The Portuguese drove back a strong
enemy party in this neighbourhood.

THE ENEMY'S ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

LATER.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
We entered the enemy's lines west-
ward of Villers Gislain and brought
back prisoners. We repulsed raids in
the neighbourhoods of Passchendaele
and Poelcapelle.

There was reciprocal artillery firing
south-westward and westward of Cam-
brai, south-westward of Armentieres and
in the Messines-Menin Road sectors.

FIRST PERMANENT ADVANCE BY THE AMERICANS.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

Reuter's correspondent with the
American Army in France states that
the Americans in the Lunenburg sector
have retained and consolidated the
enemy's trenches north-east of Badon-
viller, which they captured in a recent
raid. This is the first permanent
American advance in France and enables
the Americans and French to operate
on higher ground.
A feeble German attempt to re-take
them was repulsed.

A FRENCH SUCCESS.

A French communique states: We
drove out the enemy from the trenches
he occupied west of Montcornet in
Champagne on the 1st inst. and took
42 prisoners. A detachment simultane-
ously penetrated the German lines at
Moublond and brought back prisoners.

THE COMING TITANIC STRUGGLE.

FEVER-HEAT PREPARATIONS.

LONDON, March 15.

Reuter's correspondent at French
headquarters says:—
Although the enemy does not give
any sign when the long-promised
offensive will break he is still accumu-
lating men and material on our front
with an intention which seemingly
admits of only one explanation. He has
190 divisions on the Franco-Belgian
fronts and over one third of these are
in reserve ready to be hurled at any
point selected.

Why the Germans are allowing weak
after week of wonderful weather to pass
without moving is possibly explained by
their anxiety to know exactly how
many divisions still in Russia can be
counted upon for the West before
committing themselves to the most
dangerous and most unpromising
adventure of the war.

Behind the enemy's front his pre-
parations are evident. New aerodromes
are continually being constructed. His
reserves are in cantonments far from
the front, hence it is impossible to know
the point where the attack may be
expected. If he attacks he will stake
all on the chance of victory.

Our defence preparations are on a
most formidable scale.

BRITISH DETERMINATION.

AS STRONG AS DURING NAPOLEONIC WARS.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

M. Albert Thomas, writing to the
"Daily Chronicle" of his impressions of
a visit to Great Britain, says he was
overjoyed to witness the strength and
greatness of industrial Britain. The
whole extended activities testified that
the British realised that economic means
were necessary to secure the triumph of
the ideals of freedom so dear to Britain
and France. The very constitution of
the British Empire, and the long
established intercourse between Great
Britain and her Dominions constituted
the best foundations for a League of
Nations.

M. Thomas says that opinion in Great
Britain was better than he had been led
to expect. A rumour was spread on the
Continent a few weeks ago that Great
Britain was seized with a great longing
for peace and her Government was
searching for a means of ending the war
at the expense.

His visit had convinced him that
British tenacity and determination to
prosecute the war was as strong as
during the Napoleonic wars.

REPRISALS FOR GERMAN MEASURES.

TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

Reuter is informed that the German
Government having intimated that they
consider themselves entitled to place
British officers in whatever localities
may be convenient, whether such
localities are specially liable to air-raids
or not, the British Government has
naturally decided to adopt a similar
course in the case of German officers.

AN OBJECT LESSON TO ALLIES.

MR. ASQUITH ON RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

Mr. Asquith, in a speech to the
Women's Liberal Federation, said the
alleged Russo-German peace was an
object lesson of the kind of peace
Germany would seek to impose on the
Allies. Victory was the only road
whereby the peace of the world would
be placed beyond the jeopardy of
ambitions and the rivalry of selfish
and mischief-making interests and forces.
(Loud cheers.)

PUBLICATION OF SHIPPING LOSSES.

MUCH LESS THAN ENEMY ESTIMATES.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

During the discussion of the Ap-
propriations Bill Mr. Bonar Law said
publication of the tonnage losses was
being discussed by the Allies. He
hoped Sir Eric Geddes would be
able to give accurate figures when
making his shipbuilding statement on
the 20th inst. Nothing-but good
could result from publication, as the
losses were much less than the
enemy's estimates.

The real reason for publication was
to make the men in the shipyards
feel that their work was equally as
vital to the war as fighting in the
trenches. He was certain the re-
sults would astonish those who were
disappointed now and they would be
very much better in future.

The Government realised the
necessity of securing the hearty co-
operation of the shipyard workers.
The Premier was continually engaged
with the problem. He and Sir Eric
Geddes to-day had seen a number of
representative shipbuilders. The
number of men in the shipyards was
steadily increasing.

When results were bad in January
and February there was no scarcity
of steel and the amount of labour
was far greater than in the previous
three months, when the results were
good.

More men were being brought
from the Army but it was not easy
to get them owing to the reluctance
of commanders to lose good men,
and the reluctance of the men to
leave their comrades in the trenches.

The Appropriations Bill passed its
third reading.

THE DUTCH SHIPPING QUESTION.

REASONS FOR ALLIED ACTION.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

Light is thrown on the Allied action
in regard to Dutch shipping by the
statement of the United States War
Trade Board that cumulative evidence
shows that Germany is now using
submarines to prevent neighbour-
ing neutral shipping.

There are also indications that sub-
marines are being used to destroy
neutral shipping regardless of its
employment in order to weaken neutral
competitors of Germany after the war.

The campaign of intimidation of
Holland and Scandinavia which the
German Press is carrying on is obviously
intended to prevent neutrals from
completing agreements which benefit
neutrals, equally with the United States
and the Allies.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES.

The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial
on the formation of the Allied Maritime
Council in conjunction with the
announcement regarding Dutch ship-
ping, indicates that the Allies have at
length realised that the enemy's sea
offensive cannot be treated as less
important than his advertised land
offensive in the West.

The journal suggests it may be a
matter of serious consideration for
the United States whether it would
not be more helpful by temporarily
holding back reinforcements of troops
and increasing food supplies and
concluding by urging drastic re-
organisation of the British shipbuild-
ing administration and the employ-
ment of 80,000 more men in ship-
yards.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO-BOATS SEIZED.

GERMANS OCCUPY ABO.

Stockholm, Mar. 14.

The Germans occupying Abo num-
bered three thousand with artillery.
They came from the Aaland Islands.
The town was bombarded for half
an hour.

Three Russian torpedo-boats and
a number of mine-sweepers were
seized.

JAPANESE AID TO ALLIES.

MR. BALFOUR'S INDICTMENT AGAINST THE GERMANS.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

Mr. Balfour, continuing his reply
to Mr. H. B. Lees Smith, Liberal
Member for Northampton, on the
Russo-Japanese situation, said if the
time came for Japanese aid two
points must be remembered. The
Japanese would be friends and
Allies of Russia against Germany
and their object would be the pre-
servation of Russia from Germany.
Mr. Balfour did not suggest that
Germany might send a military
expedition to Vladivostok, which
would be militarily fatal and a waste
of time, but Russia to-day lay ab-
solutely derelict upon the waters,
disastrously open from end to end
for German penetration.

Apparently Mr. Lees Smith was
ignorant of how far this generation
had already gone. A German officer
in Russia would be safer than an
Allied officer. Only one Bank was
allowed in Moscow and it was a
German Bank.

Russia sincerely desired to resist
German penetration, but, having
destroyed every instrument of resist-
ance, she was helpless. Therefore
why cannot the Allies supply what
is lacking?

Mr. Balfour graphically outlined
a prophesy of Russia's future with
Germany following her time-worn
plan of fostering disorder. Germany
always wished to encourage disorder
in any other country, but her own
If a country was republican Germany
endeavoured to introduce absolutism;
if it was an absolute country she
sought to encourage rebellion.
Her game was to make other Govern-
ments weak by stirring up divisions
unchecked. Therefore, Germany
would strive for perpetual Russian
disorders with the inevitable result
—because national unity was at
present at a low ebb. People who
came from Russia say that this dis-
order is intolerable. Any alternative
giving a semblance of order would be
better. Germany was waiting for
such an eventuality and would inter-
vene to establish a new government;
possibly some form of autocracy
which would be far worse than in the
pre-revolutionary days, because it
would be a Foreign Power leaning upon
a Foreign Power for existence. Rus-
sian liberty would then be gone and
Russia would be a mere echo of the
Central Powers.

He was unable to see how Russia
could resist this malady without
external help. The question was:
Could any of the Allies go to Russia
with help and sympathy, which were
sorely needed? America, Great
Britain, France and Japan all desired
to render aid to enable Russia to
surmount the great crisis of her
destiny.

Mr. Balfour very strongly repu-
diated that Japan was actuated by
selfish and dishonourable motives.
Any promise that Japan gave as
regards the integrity of Russia would
be kept loyally, as all her promises
had been kept. The sole object of
the Allies was to see Russia strong
and intact, secure and free, for only
then will the Revolution bear all the
fruits which its friends desired.

BRITAIN'S CONSTANT DESIRE FOR PEACE.

ADDITIONAL OVERWHELMING PROOF.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

The Times says the Stockholm
socialist newspaper Politiken pub-
lishes a Memorandum written by
Prince Lichnowsky on German policy
when he was Ambassador in London.
The Memorandum was written in
August, 1916, for the purpose of
expounding and justifying his position
to his personal friends. Only half-a-
dozen typewritten copies were
made, one of which, through bet-
rayal, reached the Wilhelmstrasse,
where it caused a great scandal.
Another reached the Minority Social-
ists, who somehow got it across the
German frontier.

The document, which the Times
accepts as authentic, is chiefly im-
portant as affording additional over-
whelming proof of Great Britain's
constant desire for peace.

Prince Lichnowsky describes, how
on arrival in London in 1912, he
found that Sir Edward Grey refused
to give up the idea of an agreement
with Germany. "The British states-
men's aim," he wrote, "was not to
isolate Germany but to get Germany
to participate in an already estab-
lished concert by removing causes of
friction between England and Ger-
many and securing a world peace by
a network of agreements." He adds
that Sir Edward Grey seemed to find
a way out of every apparent dead-
lock.

The Times accepts the document
as authentic.

FRESH ARMENIAN MESSAGES.

SINISTER TURKISH INDICATION.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

The Turkish assertion that there
was severe fighting with Armenian
bands who set Erzerum on fire prior
to its occupation is regarded as a
sinister warning of fresh Armenian
messages.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

PRINCE LYOFF ARRESTED.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 15.

The Commander of the Northern
Front has arrested Prince Lyoff.
Mr. Trotsky has been appointed
Commissary of Military Affairs. The
post of Commander-in-Chief has been
abolished.

Telephone communication between
Petrograd and Helsinki has been
interrupted for two days. The
reason is unknown.

OVERSEAS TRADE DEVELOPMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR SINGAPORE.

LONDON, Mar. 16.

The Bill establishing a Secretariat
of the Overseas Trade Department
passed its second reading.
Mr. P. J. McKellen, the Trade
Commissioner for Singapore, is ex-
pected to leave England next week
to take up his appointment.

TURKISH INTRIGUE IN CHINA.

MOHAMMEDANS INCITED TO REBELLION.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

The Peking Government has re-
ceived from Sinkiang confirmation
of reports that an agent of the
Turks is attempting to incite the
Mohammedans in China to declare
their independence.

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Hongkong, Mar. 18, 1918. 249

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Ornaments, Beads, etc., Carved Bamboo
Ware, Kakeemon and Wall Hangings,
Jadeite Charms, Ivory Carvings, etc.,
etc., and a large number of Old Snuff
Bottles.

Also
FINE JADESTONE INLAID SCREENS,
PLAQUES, etc.

The greater portion of the above
stock has recently arrived from Tientsin
and Shanghai and includes pieces from
the Sung, Ming, Kanghi, Yungching,
Kienlung and Tzongwong Periods.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
On view from Friday, the 22nd at
2 p.m.

HUGHES & HUGHES,
Auctioneers.

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

5.30 p.m.—Annual Meeting of Mem-

bers of Hongkong Club.

9.15 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's

Cathedral.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

5.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and

Blackwood Furniture &c. at Messrs.

Hughes & Hough's.

5.30 p.m.—Auction of Household

Linens at Hughes & Hough's.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

SATURDAY, Mar. 23—

11.30 a.m.—Green Island Cement Co.

annual meeting.

MONDAY, Mar. 25—

11 a.m.—Auction of Messrs. Funchard,

Lowther & Co.'s Contractors' plant

at Matsukok.

12 Noon—Annual Meeting of Hong-

kong & Whampoa Dock Co.

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 27—

Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement

Day.

11 a.m.—Annual Meeting of Hong-

kong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.

11.30 a.m.—Annual Meeting of China

Sugar Refining Co.

12 Noon—Annual Meeting of the

Hongkong Ice Co. Ltd.

FRIDAY, March 29—

Good Friday.

SUNDAY, March 31—

Easter Sunday.

Easter Monday.

OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

THE WEEKLY EDITION OF THE

"CHINA MAIL."

CONTAINS ALL THE NEWS

OF THE WEEK.

THE WEEK'S REPORTS OF THE

TRAGEDY INQUIRY.

PRICE 25 cts. (cash) per Copy.

Prussian Ambassador at London, as

follows:—

"Versailles, January 25, 1917."

"I do myself the honour of transmitt-

ing to your Excellency, in pursuance of

my preliminary communication of the

4th, and my telegram of the 8th instant,

a copy of the Report from the First

Army Corps, on the sinking of English

ships in the Seine, near Duclair, the pre-

paration of which has been delayed by

the manifold movements of the 'L' boats

concerned. Your Excellency will find

therein, with the same satisfaction as

myself, that the measure in question,

however exceptional its nature, did not

overstep the bounds of international

warlike usages. The report shows that

a pressing danger was at hand, and every

other means of averting it was wanting;

the case was, therefore, one of necessity,

which, even in time of peace, may render

the employment or destruction of foreign

property admissible under reservation of

indemnification. I take the opportunity

of calling to mind that a similar right in

time of war has become a peculiar in-

stitute of law, the *ius cogens*, which no

high authority as Sir Robert Philli-

more defines thus: that a belligerent

Power demands and makes use of foreign

ships, even such as are not in inland

waters, but in ports and roadsteads

within its jurisdiction, and even compels

crews to transport troops, ammunition,

or implements of warfare. I hope the

negotiation, with the object, for which

you are already authorized, will lead to

an understanding as to the indemnifica-

tion for the damage; if not, it would

have to be submitted to an arbitrator's

award. In the negotiation, also, the

First Army Corps and of the English Consul

at Dieppe, as to the number of English

ships sunk, will be explained.

"I respectfully request your Excel-

lency to communicate this dispatch

with its enclosure to the Secretary of

State of Her Britannic Majesty, and to

be so good as to express, at the same

time, my apology for the delay, as well

as my thanks to Her Majesty's Govern-

ment for the just appreciation of the

military necessity, with which Lord

Granville has apprehended and treated

this matter."

(Signed) "BISMARCK."

A proper indemnification was sub-

sequently made (*Le Drapeau*, Nos. 914,

950, 957; State Papers, 1917, LXXI,

C. 250.)

DEATH.

GIBSON.—On the 16th inst. JEANNE
MACLEAN beloved wife of Dr.
R. MACLEAN GIBSON of the
London Missionary Society.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Dr. GIBSON gratefully acknowledges
the numerous expressions of
sympathy and floral tributes
received in his recent sad bereave-

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAR. 18, 1918.

THE DUTCH SHIPPING QUESTION.

When we see it stated in a Dutch message
to Batavia, sent a month ago, that the
Berlin correspondent of the *Handels-*
blad, who had an interview with
the German Under Secretary for
Foreign Affairs as to the economic
shipping agreement with America,
(which apparently German action has
made it impossible for the Dutch to
carry out), said that Baron von DER
BUNSEN declared that the German
Government was fully convinced that
Holland could not prevent the seizure
of Dutch vessels in America by the
Allies. "Germany, however, could
not permit the Entente to improve
their position in this manner." We
see from one of the cables to-day that
a German newspaper characterises
the action of the Allies in taking
over Dutch shipping as an unpre-

cedented act of violence against a
Neutral. The German Foreign Office,
however, will hardly go so far as
that, for there are records in its
archives which supply proof to the
contrary—and, what is more, there is
more than one German precedent.
We have before us "A Manual of
International Law for the use of
Navies, Colonies and Consulates" in
which is given a translation of an
official letter by BISMARCK bearing
on the subject. This Manual, by the
way, was compiled by Meinbeer
JAN HELMUTS FERGUSON, a
former Minister of the Netherlands
in China. He states in regard
to the law which the Allies have
invoked in the present instance
that: "Neutral vessels may be
appropriated and taken over by
a belligerent State, on payment of
a reasonable price, with compensa-

tion for loss and expenses to be
paid by the appropriating State.
This belligerent right is called
Admiralty right or *droit d'urgence*.
In all cases the owner
of the goods or vessels concerned
must be indemnified for all damages
caused by the interruption of their
lawful gains or for the destruction
of property." To this statement is
appended the following interesting
extract from PHILLIMORE (Vol. III
Ed. 1873, p. 51, W. E. HALL,
p. 655), which is of considerable
interest at the present time:—

"This belligerent right, or the *droit d'urgence*, was acted upon by Prussia
when in the last war with France, the
Prussians seized in Alsace for military
use between six and seven hundred rail-
way carriages belonging to the Central
Swiss Railway and kept them in use for
some time." Another instance, in the
same war, was the seizure by the Prus-
sian First Army Corps of neutral vessels
under British flag, which they sank in
the Seine, at Duclair, to prevent French
gunboats from getting on the river and
interfering with the German operations
on the left bank of the Seine. Count
Bismarck wrote to Count Bernstorff the

THE RACE COURSE TRAGEDY.

EIGHTH DAY OF INQUIRY.

At the resumption of the inquiry this

morning, Kwan Ming the No. 1 coolie

of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank,

gave evidence. He said that he was in

Shed No. 12 on the day of the collapse.

He was in the first floor. He heard a loud

crash and saw shed No. 13 falling into

Shed No. 12. When the shed collapsed

he managed to escape from the debris

by crawling through the wall between

the floor and through the roof. He

heard a noise of people stampeding

on the upper floors of both his shed

and Shed No. 13. The sheds fell in

the direction of Shed No. 11, slightly

inclined towards the Golf Club. He

jumped down from the roof to the

ground on the Golf Club side. He did

not see any fire at the moment he landed

on the ground, but about a minute

later, he saw the fire breaking out

between Sheds Nos. 9 and 10. He saw

the fire break out in only one place,

though the outbreak may have occurred

in other places. There was no stove

in his shed.

By the Crown Solicitor: Witness

saw the fire when the sheds had

already collapsed. He could not

recognise the sheds then, but he

judged the fire to break out in the

vicinity of Sheds Nos. 9 and 10.

Fong Yik Teng, a Chinese correspon-

dent, clerk at the Hongkong Bank,

deposed that he was on the top floor of

shed No. 12. There was no stove in his

shed. He heard a great commotion

of and soon afterwards the sheds fell

down. He heard no shouts of people.

The sheds fell down very quickly. They

were pressed down by other sheds. He

did not know how many people there

were in his shed but in the top floor

he saw about 60 persons. Everybody

was allowed in the shed. Witness

managed to escape from the debris by

crawling through a hole in the roof of

the shed and sliding down to the Golf

Club side. As soon as he got out of the

shed he saw the fire breaking out about

three or four sheds away, in the direc-

tion of Shed No. 10. Some of his folks

were killed in the fire. He heard that

everybody in the top floor escaped. He

could give no reason as to the cause of

the collapse.

By the Coroner: On his floor most

of the people were looking at the race

course prior to the collapse. It took

ten minutes for witness to extricate

himself from the debris and to escape.

When he got out the fire was burning

with some force already.

Lo Hok Chan, a shop in the employ

of Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd., deposed

that he had a share in shed No. 13.

There were 34 partners in the shed.

Shed No. 13 had two floors and a

basement. He had had a share in this

shed for five or six years past. The

shed was built this year on the same

lines as for the past three years and

before that it was much the same. Cash

sweeps were sold on the first floor, but

the second floor was used for the

spectators. None of the floors were sub-

let. There was no cooking done in this

shed, only mineral waters were provided.

They had two Indian watchmen on

duty at this shed. Witness was on the

first floor when the shed collapsed.

He heard a commotion in the night

hearing shed as well as in his shed.

He then heard the noise of people

running. He saw the upright poles of

Shed No. 12. The shed fell slightly

inclined towards the Golf Club side.

He could not say what was the

cause of panic. The collapse

occurred very soon after the panic.

He was pinned down by a board and became

unconscious. How he was rescued he

did not know, but when he recovered

consciousness he found himself on the

roadside surrounded by his clansmen.

He heard no cry of "fire" before

the collapse. There were over 200

people in the first floor. He could

not say how many persons were

on the second floor. The people on the

first floor were mostly looking out

in front of the shed when the collapse

occurred. Nine of the shareholders

were killed in the collapse.

By Mr. Bowley: Mr. So Chin Chek

deposed that he was in the shed when

the collapse occurred. He was on the

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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THE IMPRESSMENT OF DUTCH SHIPPING.

THE REASON FOR IT.

LONDON, Mar. 16. Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, in an interview, laid stress on the fact that the contemplated taking over of Dutch ships is based on the Allies' desire to obviate the laying up of shipping which may be useful for the world at large. He points out that these ships are lying indefinitely in our harbours and receiving various consequent facilities. All nations ought to combine to oppose the German attempt to starve not only Germany's enemies but the world.

A MILLION TONS IN ALLIED PORTS.

The total Dutch tonnage in Allied ports approximates a million tons, of which seventy per cent is in the United States and fifteen per cent in each of the British and other Allied ports.

GERMAN PRESS DEMANDS REPRISALS.

The Austro-German Press is most indignant at the Allies taking over the Dutch shipping.

The *Neue Freie Presse* characterises it as an unprecedented act of violence against a neutral.

The German Press demands drastic reprisals and threatens to cease the supply to Holland of coal and other necessities.

VESSELS HELD UP AT SINGAPORE.

The Hague, Mar. 15. The Dutch Consul General at Singapore reports that clearance had been refused various ships, including those of the Royal Packet Company.

The Foreign Minister, through the Dutch Minister in London, has asked the British Government for information concerning the matter.

JAPANESE INTERVENTION IN SIBERIA.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.

LONDON, Mar. 16. The *Times* Correspondent at Tokio states that in the absence of an official pronouncement the reports from America and from England that Japanese intervention in Siberia has been virtually decided upon are mystifying and absolutely conflict with local news.

The minority of the Press and public advocate an expedition, but powerful commercial elements, which are wholly opposed to intervention, are now generally supported. Exchanges have stiffened in consequence of a belief in non-intervention.

DECISION NOT REACHED.

TOKIO, Mar. 16. In the House of Representatives the Premier stated that the exchange of views with the *Entente* Governments concerning the dispatch of troops to Siberia has not yet reached finality.

MAXIMALISTS MURDER IN JAPANESE.

TOKIO, Mar. 16. A newspaper report states that Maximalists murdered 150 Japanese at Blagovestchik.

LONDON, Mar. 16. The *Daily Mail*'s Tientsin Correspondent reports that the Japanese Embassy at Peking has been informed that three Japanese have been killed and seven wounded while defending their property against the Bolsheviks at Blagovestchik recently.

CHINESE ENTRENCHING.

The Chinese troops are busily entrenching on the Siberian-Manchurian frontier.

ALLIED AIR-RAIDS ON GERMANY.

GERMAN REPORT.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 15. A Berlin telegram states that there were 23 Allied air-raids on Germany in February, including thirteen on industrial districts in Lorraine, Luxembourg and Saar Moselle, three on Treves and one each on Saarbrücken, Mannheim and Pirmasens.

The damage to houses was not inconsiderable. Twelve people were killed and 37 injured. An enemy biplane was captured.

THE COMING OFFENSIVE.

HINDENBURG AND LUDENDORFF CONFIDENT.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 16. Field-Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff, interviewed on the military situation, said: "Having burst the stranglehold chain we could now concentrate towards the West and we can now think of attacking. If it comes it will be a hard task. Possibly the enemy on the Franco-British Front alone has an abundance of reserve divisions and possesses a well consolidated network of railways, but it is moral strength that matters. We are entirely confident that the battle which is bursting will be successful for us. The centre-point is the good spirit of the German soldiers and we are convinced that this spirit is flourishing everywhere in the homeland."

GERMAN INTRIGUE IN AMERICA.

ATTEMPT TO CONTROL COTTON AND WOOL.

NEW YORK, Mar. 16.

The State authorities have begun an investigation to determine whether certain woolen merchants here have been trying to corner the wool and cotton supplies of the world for the benefit of Germany. The Textile Alliance, a semi-official Anglo-American agency, is understood to be interested in the enquiry.

Julius Forstmann, woolen manufacturer, testified that while the United States was still neutral, he received instructions from Count Bernstorff to take orders from a Mr. Albert, a German financial agent, in all matters relating to wool shipments. Witness at the time believed he was also acting in the interest of the United States. He said he had seen a letter from Mr. Bryan, then Secretary of State, declaring he would be glad if he could accommodate the Germans with textiles, as they could thereby get German dyes in return.

The prosecutor at this point remarked that he did not doubt that witness undertook to ship wool to Germany with the authority of the State Department, but would show that this authority was obtained by false pretences.

GLANDERS IN ARGENTINE CATTLE.

BELIEVED WORK OF GERMAN.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

The British Government has drawn the attention of the Argentine Government to the fact that horses and mules from the Argentine are reaching Great Britain suffering from glanders, which is practically a non-existent disease in the Argentine.

The outbreak is believed to be due to Germans inoculating the animals with bacilli.

THE GIGANTIC TASK OF PRESERVING DEMOCRACY.

AMERICAN LABOURITES PROMISE.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.

Mr. Gompers has sent a message to Mr. Arthur Henderson and M. Albert Thomas declaring that in the gigantic task to preserve Democracy from German aggression there must be hearty co-operation among workers. He hopes that nothing will interfere with the complete understanding and good-will between workers in America and Allied countries and promises that a delegation of American labour will shortly visit Great Britain and France in furtherance of the cause of world democracy.

MUNITIONS DEPOT NEAR PARIS BLOWN UP.

PARIS, Mar. 15.

Two big explosions, heard in Paris, occurred in the Commune district. Sixteen dead have been counted and there are many injured.

MANY CASUALTIES.

PARIS, Mar. 16.

There were 30 people killed and many injured in an explosion at the munitions depot at St. Denis which was built to replace the Deux Couronnes depots blown up in 1916.

Few were working at the time of the explosion which was most violent and felt for a great distance. A pall of smoke hung over the north of Paris.

L.N.W.R. STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

The London and North Western Railway Company's steamer *Bathmore* collided with a warship in the Irish Channel.

The *Bathmore* was badly damaged. Twenty-six people are missing and 20 are injured.

COMPANY REPORTS NO FATALITIES.

LONDON, Mar. 16.

The London and North Western Railway Company says there were no fatalities on the *Bathmore*. A telegram from Dublin says that possibly four perished.

The *Bathmore* was carrying 660 soldiers and 35 civilians, including women and children, when she collided with a mine-sweeper in the darkness. The boats were lowered and one capsized but the occupants were rescued.

The soldiers and crew were most cool and slid down ropes into the destroyers. The *Bathmore* and mine-sweeper were towed in.

THE HARTLEPOOL RAID.

30 CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Mar. 16.

The Press Bureau announces that the total casualties in the airship raid on Hartlepool on the night of March 13 were: Killed: two men, two women and four children; injured: four men, nine women and nine children.

DANISH STEAMER TORPEDOED AND RIFLED.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 15.

The Danish steamer *Bondedborg* has been torpedoed outside the German danger zone.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

OPPOSITION TO THE PEACE TREATY.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 15.

The Congress of Soviets at Moscow opened on the 14th inst. and included 733 Maximalist and 238 Revolutionary Socialist delegates.

Messages from Petrograd indicate that there is a strong undercurrent of opposition to the ratification of the peace treaty. The Social Revolutionaries of the Left on the Council of People's Commissioners has resolved to resign if the Moscow Congress ratifies it. The Commissary of Justice publicly counsels the rejection of the treaty and says that the Congress must form a necessary Government of revolutionary defence.

GERMAN SAFEGUARDS FOR FULFILMENT OF TREATY.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 17.

The Germans announce that after ratification of the Peace Treaty, German commissions, with a right of veto, will be appointed to the Russian Ministries to control the fulfilment of the Treaty.

CAUCASUS GOVERNMENT AND PEACE WITH TURKEY.

The Caucasus Government has refused to recognise the Brest-Litovsk treaty for the cession to Turkey of the regions of Kara, Baum and Arduban.

A delegation has gone to Tbrizond to negotiate a peace with Turkey.

GERMANY'S STRATEGIC POSITION.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 15.

In order to strengthen her strategic position Germany has demanded the establishment of a new line seven miles east of the present Russian positions on the Pskov front.

ENEMY OCCUPY UKRAINIAN TOWN.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

A German official message reports: We dispersed enemy bands in Ukraine. We are occupying Bachmetch.

RUSSO-UKRAINIAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 15.

Russo-Ukrainian peace negotiations are about to begin at Kieff.

RUMANIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

JASSY, Mar. 15.

The Rumanian Cabinet has resigned. Mr. Morghiloman, a former Finance Minister, is expected to succeed General Averescu as Premier.

COMMANDANT AT ODESSA.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 16.

Admiral Siegers has been appointed Commandant of Odessa.

ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS.

There were anti-Jewish riots at Odessa before the occupation.

TURKISH CAPTURES AT ERZERUM.

LONDON, Mar. 16.

A wireless Turkish official message, dated 16th inst., states: We captured 168 guns and a number of mine-throwers at Erzerum.

THE AALAND ISLANDS.

SWEDISH DETACHMENT WITHDRAWS.

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 10.

It is officially stated that the Swedish detachment despatched to superintend the Russian evacuation of the Aaland Islands has begun to withdraw, but the withdrawal in news regarding political questions connected with the Aaland Islands.

DISORDERS IN GERMAN FLEET.

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 16.

It is reported that fresh disorders have occurred in the German fleet at the Aaland Islands.

BRITISH SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMME.

LONDON, Mar. 16.

The *Daily News* says the Cabinet has fixed the programme of shipbuilding for the year.

Sir Eric Geddes is establishing a no department to be solely concerned with shipbuilding, probably in charge of a Junior Minister.

THE HALIFAX DISASTER.

CHARGE AGAINST PILOT DISMISSED.

HALIFAX, Mar. 15.

The charges of manslaughter against Pilot Mackay of the *s.s. Montblanc* (sailed on 4th ult.) have been dismissed, there being insufficient evidence of criminal culpability.

MR. LONG'S TRIBUTE TO DOMINION FORCES.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

The Rt. Hon. Walter Long, Secretary of State for the Colonies, speaking at an entertainment given to Overseas officers in London, paid a very handsome tribute to the men from the Dominions, who had come thousands of miles to defend the Empire which they and their fathers helped to build up.

Apart from destroying the power of our enemies, another task was the construction of the British Empire, which only awakened to knowledge of her strength and possibilities when the war began. The Empire had a tremendous opportunity. We had learned that distance in reality was nothing and we had resolved for closer union after the war, on surer foundations, and for a far greater Empire in the future than in the past.

GERMANY'S COLONIAL NECESSITIES.

A RE-DISTRIBUTION OF COLONIES DESIRED.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 15.

Herr Solf, speaking at Cologne, emphasised that any peace to be lasting must satisfy Germany's colonial necessities. He favoured a re-distribution of colonial possessions in order to give Germany a far larger share than before the war "when her colonies were small and scattered."

BULGARIANS BOMBARD MONASTIR.

CORFU, Mar. 16.

The Bulgarians fiercely bombarded Monastir on the 13th inst. using asphyxiating shells and inflicting considerable damage.

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

The *Gazette* announces that the Air Force will henceforth be styled the "Royal Air Force."

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

LONDON, Mar. 15.

Exports for February show an increase of 2,818,985 and imports 228,106,145, compared with February of last year.

MONTAGU'S WEEKLY SILVER REPORT.

LONDON, Mar. 16.

Messrs. Samuel, Montagu and Company's weekly Silver report states: that the tone of the Market is somewhat firmer. Supplies from America are rather less free. The firm tendency of Shanghai exchange is maintained. The Indian silver holding has decreased.

BIRTH OF A SON TO SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

LONDON, Mar. 16.

Lady Haig has given birth to a son. [Lady Haig, wife of Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, was formerly the Hon. Dorothy Vivian, daughter of the third Lord Vivian. They were married in 1905 and have one daughter.]

THE HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

KANSAS CITY, Mar. 16.

Jess Willard is to fight Fred Fulton for the heavy-weight championship of the world on July 4.

The details are not yet settled.

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NETHERLANDS FLEET IN AMERICAN WATERS.

As an evidence of the important portion of the Netherlands commercial fleet detained in American waters and doomed to unemployment, the following statement may serve: says a Netherlands contemporary:—

Owned in Amsterdam: Steamvart Maats. "Netherland," 8 ships, 48,869 tons; "Ned. Rijnvaart Maats.," 8 ships, 20,148 tons; Koninklijke Hollandsche Lloyd, 3 ships, 8,427 tons; Stoomvart Maats. "Gedree," 3 ships, 7,247 tons; Java-China-Japan Line, 1 ship, 5,800 tons; Stoomvart Maats. "Hillegom," 1 ship, 4,895 tons.

Of owners in Rotterdam: Holland America Line, 1 ship, 67,169 tons; v. Nieuwe, Goudriaan & Co., 11 ships, 33,947 tons; Phas van Ommeren, 4 ships, 13,747 tons; Getz van Uden, 3 ships, 10,033 tons; Rotterdam Lloyd, 2 ships, 7,247 tons; Erhardt & Dekker, 2 ships, 7,779 tons; Maats. "Gedree," 2 ships, 5,790 tons; Maats. "Tijger," 2 ships, 5,722 tons; A. O. Lensen, 2 ships, 5,405 tons; Solleveld v. d. Meer & van Hatsum, 2 ships, 4,899 tons; Maats. "Noord-Brabant," 1 ship, 3,225 tons; Wm. Rey & Zonen, 1 ship, 3,026 tons; Maats. "Kralingen," 1 ship, 1,280 tons; Dordrecht, Stoomvart Maats., 1 ship, 4,014 tons; total, 65 ships of 292,304 tons.

The steamers are in the service of the Netherlands Government and the Minister estimates, as was observed from the credit received, that the indemnification due to Netherlands owners runs to millions.

BEST MEDICINE MADE.

A better medicine cannot be made than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

It relieves the lungs, opens the bronchial tubes, restores the system to a healthy condition. Besides, it contains no opiates and is perfectly safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

CITY HALL WORK PARTY.

During the last three weeks the City Hall Work Party packed the following:—

119 shirts, 10 surgical shirts, 15 cotton shirts, 266 pairs of pyjamas, 192 bed-jackets, 160 vests, 35 dressing-gowns, 1 quilt, 15 reversible bed-jackets, 453 dozen handkerchiefs, 183 milk covers, 68 pairs of slippers, 37 shrouds, 7 pairs of bed sheets, 131 theatre squares, 12 face cloths, 4 pairs of socks, 13 small pillows, 25 large mosquito nets, 54 scrubbers, 6 pillow cases, 13 many-tailed bandages, 25 caps and 30 pairs of operation stockings.

These were packed in five cases and sent to the Red Cross Depot in Bombay for distribution to Hospitals in India and Mesopotamia.

The quilt in the above list is made from small squares of flannelette left in cutting out garments: it is warm and light—the very thing for India, and the maker has the satisfaction of knowing that she has made something out of nothing.

Mention must be made of the Mothers' Union Branch of the City Hall Work Party. With an average of twelve workers every week they made 1,245 articles during 1917 with a specially creditable number of shirts and pyjamas. For January this year they made 73 garments and in February reached the high total of 108. This all means a very steady attendance at the weekly meetings on Friday afternoons at the Helens May Institute, and the leaders and members may all be congratulated on what they have done to help on the comfort of our soldiers.

As we read in our Premier's speech to-day, the heavy burden is carried in the heart, not on the shoulders; but women know that the work of the hands can ease the burden of the heart, and happy is she who knows that her time and skill go towards sending ease and comfort to the men who truly are bearing the burden and heat of the day. We are told not to discourage or depress others—that the dawn is surely coming—so let us keep our eyes and minds on our work, that in the end we may have peace in our hearts knowing that we have done what we could.

ETHEL M. STABE.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

NAVY'S H.K. DEFENCE CORPS.

NAVY.

P.O. McLelland ... 300 yds. 27 29 27 29

Mr. Sears ... 300 yds. 28 30 28 30

L.S. Fleming ... 300 yds. 29 28 28 28

Mr. Ellis ... 300 yds. 31 31 31 31

L.S. Murray ... 300 yds. 26 27 26 27

W.O. Carruthers ... 300 yds. 28 27 27 27

P.O. Leach ... 300 yds. 27 27 27 27

C.P.O. Crane ... 300 yds. 27 27 27 27

Plus allowance for open sights 173

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Sgt. M. Mann ... 300 yds. 30 30 30 30

Q.M.S.D. Toller ... 300 yds. 28 31 28 28

L.I.C.F. Goodman ... 300 yds. 37 31 29 27

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Sgt. A. Leach ... 300 yds. 28 28 28 28

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The other semi-final, in which S. Gray meets Wong P. Hong, will be played on Saturday, the 23rd, at 9 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Yesterday, the 17th inst., was St. Patrick's Day.

His Excellency the Governor has received the following telegram from the St. Patrick Society, Shanghai:—

"Heartiest greetings, St. Patrick Society, Shanghai. SHUM."

To which His Excellency has replied:—

"On behalf of Hongkong Irishmen, I send heartiest greetings and thanks. MAY."

THE CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER EPIDEMIC.

The return of the Medical Officer of Health for the week ended March 16th shows a total of 113 cases of cerebro-spinal fever, with 63 deaths. The cases were: Indian, 2 British, Portuguese 4 Eurasian, and the rest Chinese. The return shows that 91 of the cases occurred in the city of Victoria, and 22 in districts other than the City. Daily returns of the disease are now to be issued. The return for the twenty-four hours ended March 16th shows 14 cases with 11 deaths.

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MANILA	BOONGSANG	FRIDAY, Mar. 22, at 3 p.m.	
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BARBER LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE STEAMSHIP PANAMA.
FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are to be landed at their wharves into the Godown of the Messrs. and Kewitoe **WHEAR & GOWDY COMPANY, Ltd.,** at Kowloon wharve and/or from the Wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be landed, and notice has been given prior to steamer arrival.

No claims will be admitted after Goods have left the Godown, and Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersecretary on or before the 27th inst., or they will not be cognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th inst. 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counterchecked by
DODWELL & Co., Ltd.
Agents.
 Hongkong, Mar. 13, 1915.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Company's Steamship, "KITANO MARU,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are
herby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in
the Holdcage, & Wardroom Ward Room.
Goods of each Consignment will be sorted out
and ready for mark and delivery can be
obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Optional Goods will be carried on unless
instructions are given to the contrary be-
fore Noon, To-day. C
Goods not received by the 31st March,
1918, will be subject to rent.
Unmanaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Con-
signee's and the Co.'s representatives at
an appointed hour on **TUESDAY**
FRIDAY. All claims must be presented
within ten days after the steamer's
arrival but after which date they cannot
be recognised. No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the Godowns.
NIFFON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
FROM SAN FRANCISCO VIA
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND
YOKOHAMA

THE Steamship
"SIBERIA MARU."
The above-named Steamer having arrived. Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered at MONDAY, 15th March, 1918, at 5 P.M. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all Cargo remaining undelivered on 23rd March, 1918, at 5 P.M.

No Fire insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognized, after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All checked and damaged Cargo will be landed into the Company's Godowns, where they will be examined on 25th March, 1918, at 10 A.M.

No Claim will be recognized if filed after the 3rd April, 1918.

T. DAIGO,
Manager.

Hongkong, Mar. 16, 1918. 248

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